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DETENTION CENTERS

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1. SUMMARY. CENTRE FOR STRATEGIC AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (CSIS) STAFFER LIM BIAN KIE HAS OBTAINED KOPKAMTIB CHIEF OF STAFF ADMIRAL SUDOMO'S PERMISSION TO EXPLORE INFORMALLY WITH ICRC REPRESENTATIVES IN GENEVA MEANS OF RESUMING ICRC VISITS TO INDONESIAN DETENTION CENTERS. HE HAS ALSO OBTAINED SUDOMO'S APPROVAL FOR AN INDONESIAN JOURNALIST AND LATER A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT TO VISIT DETENTION CENTERS AND TO INTERVIEW DETAINEES RECENTLY RELEASED. END SUMMARY.

2. LIM EXPLAINED TO US THAT, UPON LEARNING OF IMPASSE IN NESSI-SUDOMO TALKS (REFTEL), HE MET WITH SUDOMO TO POINT OUT DAMAGE TO GOI INTERNATIONAL IMAGE WHICH WOULD RESULT FROM HALT IN ICRC INSPECTIONS AND TO OFFER CSIS'S SERVICES IN WORKING OUT MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE ARRANGEMENTS FOR RESUMPTION OF VISITS. (LIM EXPLAINED THAT THIS TASK IS RELATED TO CSIS'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR HANDLING EXTERNAL PUBLIC RELATIONS
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ASPECTS OF DETAINEE PROBLEM.) LIM FOUND SUDOMO STILL ANGRY OVER ICRC BULLETIN'S DESCRIPTION OF LAST VISIT AND OVER ICRC TEAM LEADER PASQUIER'S ALLEGED REQUEST TO SEE SUWONDO BUDIARDJO. (LIM SAID SUDOMO CLAIMED PASQUIER HAD TRHWON HIS WEIGHT AROUND IN MANNER WHICH INDONESIANS WOULD HAVE FOUND UNACCEPTABLE FROM ONE OF THEIR OWN GENERALS.) SUDOMO NEVERTHELESS AGREED THAT LIM COULD INFORMALLY EXPLORE

PROSPECTS FOR MODUS VIVENDI WITH ICRC GENEVA REPS. LIM SEES HIS PRINCIPAL TASK AS "NEUTRALIZING" ICRC BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT, PERHAPS THROUGH SECOND BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT PROBLEMS EARLIER MENTIONED HAD BEEN OVERCOME AND THAT VISITS WOULD BE RESUMED.

3. IN MEANTIME LIM HAS OBTAINED SUDOMO'S APPROVAL FOR RESPECTED SINAR HARAPAN EDITOR SABAM SIAGIAN TO VISIT DETENTION CENTERS AND TO INTERVIEW RECENTLY RELEASED DETAINEES, LIST OF WHOM IS NOW BEING DRAWN UP. SIAGIAN'S VISIT WILL TAKE PLACE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER HIS RETURN FROM LONDON THIS WEEK OR NEXT. SUDOMO HAS ALSO AGREED TO FAR EAST ECONOMIC REVIEW CORRESPONDENT DAVID JENKINS' VISITING DETENTION CENTERS AND INTERVIEWING DETAINEES SOME TWO MONTHS AFTER SIAGIAN HAS DONE SO.

4. LIM WILL DEPART JAKARTA JUNE 24 FOR BOSTON AND WASHINGTON, ARRIVING LATTER AROUND JUNE 29 OR 30. HE WILL CONTACT EA/IMS ON ARRIVAL WASHINGTON TO SEEK ADVICE ON WHOM HE MIGHT SEE IN U.S. MISSION GENEVA. HIS RETURN ITINERARY VIA GENEVA WILL BE DECIDED IN WASHINGTON. IN GENEVA, LIM PLANS TO SEE ICRC DELEGATE GENERAL NESSI AND ANY OTHER ICRC REPS. NESSI OR INDONESIAN MISSION MIGHT SUGGEST. IN GENEVA LIM WILL USE HIS INDONESIAN NAME JUSUF WANANDI. RIVES

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